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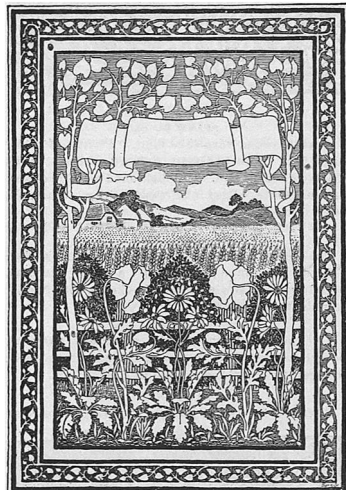
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THE DECORATOR AND FURNISHER.

Alcove kitchen—54 inches wide, 10 yds. (two widths, each 5 yds. long).....	\$ 4.50
3 Kitchen chairs.....	1.75
Ironing table.....	1.50
Blanket and cover, 60c; 1-2 yd. unbleached muslin, 15.....	75
Large plug.....	40
Curtain—door and window—door 1 yd., win- dow 11-2 yds.....	50
Kitchen roller.....	90
Towels—3 yds. each, 2 towels.....	30
Dish towels cut and hemmed, \$1 doz.....	1.00
Rolling pin.....	10
" for pastry (glass).....	75
Irons (set).....	60
Wax.....	45
Stumpers.....	45
Cup and saucers and plates, 25 cts. each, 4.....	1.00
Dishes, 8 cts. each.....	48
Plat pan.....	20
" ".....	20
6 Knives.....	60
Bread and cake knives.....	50
6 Forks.....	20
6 Spoons.....	21
6 Table and tea spoons.....	48
Poker.....	05
Shovel.....	20
2 Dust pans.....	1.00
3 Coal scuttles.....	1.00
Scales.....	1.00
Clothes basket.....	1.00
Wringer.....	1.00
Washing board.....	25
Potato masher.....	05
Curtain kitchen window, 2 yds.....	13
" door, 1 yd.....	13
Knife board.....	30
2 painted pails.....	35
Nest wood boxes.....	19
Fasty board.....	59
1 Barrel cover.....	25
Coffee mill.....	50
2 Wood soap cups.....	05
Lemon squeezer (glass).....	75
Kife box.....	05
2 Brooms.....	25
Dish mop.....	75
Floor mop.....	25
Round wood bowl for chopping.....	18
Ice box (square).....	9.00
Ladle.....	10
2 Fry pans, small and medium.....	1.00
1 Stock pot.....	1.00
Tea kettle.....	40
1 Iron griddle.....	75
1 Gridiron.....	50
French roll pans (single).....	18
Gem pans.....	13
Meat chopper.....	10
Flour scoop and sifter.....	10
2 Funnels.....	15
6 Muffin rings.....	15
2 Cake pans.....	24
3 Bread pans.....	36
1 Salad washer.....	25
1 French coffee pot.....	90
Jelly cake pans (3 sizes).....	15
2 Pie plates.....	15
1 Cake pan.....	15
1 Pint steamer.....	75
1 Strainer.....	05
1 Pudding pan.....	20
2 Tin cups.....	15
1 Pint measure.....	15
1 Cup measure.....	10
Cake turner.....	05
Nutmeg grater.....	05
3 Tin sauce pans with covers.....	1.00
Pot chain.....	10
Cup opener.....	10
Nail hammer.....	10
Hatchet.....	40
Axe.....	50
Tacks.....	10
Set of skewers.....	20
Ice pick.....	10
Screen can.....	20
Salt and pepper boxes.....	25
Dredging box (tin).....	05
1 Fluted pudding mold.....	20
Butter pads.....	10
Clothes line.....	50
Wash kettle.....	1.75
Clothes horse.....	75
Starth pan.....	30
Fluting scissors.....	35
Cork screw.....	35
Feather dusters, 2 small, 1 large.....	1.25
Wash door mat.....	35
Dust brush.....	35
Whisk broom.....	10
Mallet.....	25
Blackening case.....	1.50
Large shovel.....	1.00
Small shovel.....	1.00
1 Jelly mould.....	30
8 Pitchers (common white).....	1.00

Hot water carrier.....	\$1 00
Covered pan for raising bread.....	1 00
2 Japanned trays.....	80
Kitchen table.....	1 75
	\$62 77
HALL.	
Oilcloth for hall, 12 yds. 1 yd. wide.....	\$ 4 20
Hall curtain.....	20
	\$4 40
BASEMENT DEN.	
Red matting, 9-18 18 yds.....	\$ 5 00
Red curtains, door and window, 5-7 wids.....	2 40
Red canton flannel w/pdows.....	1 23
Red table cloth felt.....	1 00
Steamer chair and cushion, chair \$1, cre- tonne 50 cents.....	1 50
Table.....	40
Pine shelves wood and work.....	3 50
Desk.....	9 00
3 Plain chairs.....	3 00
Red sash curtains for front of house, one piece.....	3 50
Andirons.....	2 00
Screen.....	2 50
Pole and rings.....	39
Scrap basket.....	25
Paper for wall, 7 rolls, 15 cts. each.....	1 05
	\$37 21



ENGLISH PEN-DRAWING. COVER FOR "THE HOBBY HORSE."
DESIGNED BY HERBERT P. HORNE.

SUMMARY.	
Kitchen department.....	\$ 62 77
Hallway.....	4 40
" Den ".....	37 21
Total for first floor (basement).....	<u>\$104 38</u>

DECORATIVE NOTES.

NO general rule can be laid down for the color treatment of a partly furnished house. Each interior is a problem in itself to be worked out by its occupants, but as a guide which personal taste and circumstances may qualify, it may be stated that the library should be dark and rich, and the dining-room bright in coloring; the sleeping rooms as near white or cream tints as possible, and the drawing-room in cool, yet bright effects.

THE average height of women is five feet two inches, but rarely does one find a house in the city or country in which any attention has been paid to this fact in arranging the closets. The hooks are placed six feet high from the floor, and lucky for the housewife if it is not more; and above that is placed a shelf, which is practically almost useless. No woman cares to mount a chair or table every time she wishes to get her bonnet or shawl, and the result is that there is a series of boxes on the floor, which, if handy, have to be removed with every sweeping.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters asking for information on decorative topics that require only brief answers, will be replied to in this column; letters requiring extensive advice will be replied to personally by the editor.

SPRINGFIELD, O., January 3, 1894.

A YOUNG married couple, having an income of \$1,200 a year, request information as to the furnishing of an eight room cottage, with a view of getting the best value for the money expended. Can your journal give us any informatton to guide us in this matter?

Very truly yours,
HENRY WATERHOUSE.

Answer.—We are glad you have asked our advice on this matter, and in reply will state that a house of moderate size, with eight rooms, can be furnished throughout without any effort at display or decorative attempts, beyond the tasteful choices of plain and durable furniture, for about \$800. If you can spare a thousand dollars for the furnishing of your home, the extra two hundred will buy you many articles of luxury, but as between things for use and things for decoration, the former demands exclusive attention at the outset. It is a part of wisdom to make a liberal appropriation for the kitchen and dining-room, where the use of artistically beautiful furnishings is more conducive to comfort than in any other part of the house. It is also wise to provide well for the sleeping rooms, and leave the balance of the money for the library or smoking room and the parlor (which we will not vulgarize by the name of sitting-room), rather than begin with the parlor, and wind up with an insignificant sum for the furnishings of the dining-room and kitchen.

Where means are limited, and indeed, where means are unlimited, health should come before fashion, and adaptability to present and future circumstances should be considered in the buying of all the belongings of the house. There is an incalculable number of necessities, from the rolling pin in the kitchen to the water pitcher in the chamber, which are small items when reckoned singly, but whose united demand on the purse is not small. With the large items of stove and table, chairs and beds, mattresses and lamps, the total quickly grows. There are some people who wish, in furnishing their houses, to convey to their friends an air of greater prosperity than they really enjoy, and who think more of the stylish appointments of the drawing-room than they do of the necessary requirements of the other rooms of the house. This sort of false pride ought to be extinguished at the outset, and with the amount of money in hand which we mentioned, we propose, in this department of the journal, to state just how the money should be expended to obtain the greatest amount of comfort and satisfaction, allowing false pride to take care of itself. We will advise the purchase of articles that are thoroughly good of their kind, and our advice will be that no piece of furniture shall be bought that is not thoroughly solid and honest, strong and durable. Every bit of furniture should be purchased with the idea that it is to last a lifetime, and such pieces should be bought as will be comfortable and satisfactory twenty years hence. And in the purchase of these goods, we will advise against buying such goods on credit, paying therefor installments. Not only does the customer pay higher prices, but he rarely gets as good an article. The buyer on credit cannot trade at the best advantage. He often buys what he does not like or want, because he must trade where he can, and not where his choice leads him. Besides think of the anxious state of mind produced by thus mortgaging future earnings.

It is impossible at present to speak more fully on this profoundly interesting question of house decoration with limited means, but our correspondents may rest assured that they and our readers in general will receive a full and satisfactory reply to the problem in forthcoming issues of our journal.